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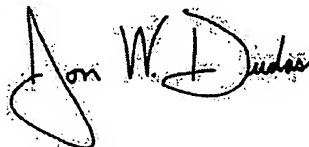
It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

On the title page, Item (73), the 2nd Assignee information is incorrect. Item (73) should read:

-- (73) Assignees: **Kobelco Construction Machinery Co.,
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